

# MANY INTERESTING CASES IN THE COURTS

**Some Odd Complaints Made by Those  
Tired of Married Life—A Few of the  
Sensational Kind — Family Secrets  
Exposed in Testimony.**

Number of divorce cases reaching courts .....	500
Separation cases .....	50
Cases not defended .....	400
Cases classed as sensational .....	50
"Age of consent" annulment cases .....	3
Average time in minutes required to try case .....	30

About 20 per cent. of the cases brought were defended. Most of the suits are brought by husbands or wives who are unable to get personal service upon their recalcitrant partners, or who, if service is obtained, find that the others appear to be as willing to quit as to remain in matrimony without bonds. The undefended cases are set for Wednesday in Special Term, Part II, where the justice who happens to be sitting there, and in order that there may be no collusion the trials are public. It takes an average of ten minutes to dispose of a case of this character.

In proportion to their numbers the theatrical people furnish the heaviest percentage of the cases that may be described as sensational. Probably this is because they live in the limelight and do not regard the smudge of a divorce court with the horror that surrounds it in the estimation of persons not bearing such intimate relations with the public.

Infidelity is the burden on 450 out of the 500 complaints filed. The mother-in-law figures very seldom in the testimony. Study of the cases shows that divorce in New York City is almost invariably caused by the husband or wife succumbing to the supposed or real superior attractions of a home destroyer.

After a trial of several days, the jury absolved Mr. Rich from the charges of cruelty and acquitted Mrs. Rich of the charge of adultery. They found the two innocent little children, and the case was continued over them, until Justice George C. Barrett undertook the role of a peacemaker. He invited husband and wife to his house, and they were there he labored with them until late in the afternoon. He then secured a divorce from "Regina" Rich, and a custody of the children, "Casper King of Paris," to whom she was married in 1880, and who was now living at St. Thomas's in 1888. The divorce suit begun during the week of the 10th of July, was heard by the Hon. Judge Baldwin, of the Episcopal Court, and he granted the absolute divorce Mrs. Adelaide B. Baldwin, and the custody of the children by common-law marriage in 1886 in the case of the late George C. Barrett, of Providence. Sister Rebecca Greenwood.

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David H. Knott, son of a hotel keeper of No. 36 Washington Square South, was unable to tell how or where or by whom the knot was tied that made him, just under eighteen, the husband of Jane Ward, an employee of his father, thirty-six years old. He was clear.

He was ordered to pay \$25 weekly alimony pending the trial of the suit. It was never tried. It was abandoned last year and now the ex-actress sues.

**Dicott's First Wife Wants  
Her Money from Chauncey.**

Florida Kingsley, suing Wright Huntington for divorce, says Lillian Kemble upplanted her in her husband's affections and took her place in his "Stolen Kiss" company, playing Anita to his Jack. Their name in private life is "Silliman," and Lillian Kemble is the wife of Will Rising. She denies the

Freda Bourn Hitchcock got a divorce from Raymond Hitchcock, "The Yankee Consul," and Louise M. Lloyd, of the "Her Majesty" company, secured

He was jealous of his big brother and of a neighbor's black dog, and once made a noose of rope, swung it over the corner of a door, put his head through it and threatened to hang him-

separation from Leon Bernard, a drug salesman, that he preferred frisky songs and absinthe to her soul saving work, and was cruel to her; and brought home a statuesque ex-actress, Louise Verdier, from Tripoti's French cafe. He replies that she neglected her baby and her household duties for her religious zeal, spending her time

